

WORDS of INSTITUTION

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Communing in Christ

*** This morning we will come forward to receive communion. You may place your prayer card and offering in the baskets as you come forward. Ushers will direct worshipers. You may partake of the bread and wine after returning to your seat.*

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Meditation on “Lift High the Cross” arranged by Janet Linker

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” (Duke Street) arranged by Michael Burkhardt

CLOSING PASTORAL PRAYER



BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION and RESPONSE

Blessed be the LORD I AM, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, amen!

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

A Fantasy on the “Hallelujah Chorus” inspired by the Discovery Gospel Choir

POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome. We are glad you're here. If you are visiting with us, please use the Connect Card in our church app (FPCBR in the App Store) or online at fpibr.org/connect.

Prayer Requests. We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpibr.org, through Facebook Live and the church app or by filling out a card and placing in the offering basket as you come forward to receive communion.

Women's Ministry Spring Picnic. Join us for our annual Women's Ministry Spring Picnic on Friday, April 16 from 12 pm-1.30 at the home of Connie Miller (6665 Burden Lane). We will gather in fellowship, enjoy an assortment of salads and sweets and be refreshed with God's Word. May we be planted firmly in the “good soil” and GROW up in every way into Christ. The cost is \$10 per person. Register at fpibr.org.

It's On! Men's Skeet Shoot Rescheduled. The Men's Ministry Skeet Shoot has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 17. This year's location is on a beautiful 6,000 acre working sugar cane plantation in Morganza, LA. Prizes will be awarded for shooting and cooking abilities. \$25 per person. Further details and registration online at fpibr.org. Those who previously registered for the cancelled February skeet shoot will be contacted directly by Darin Travis (darin@fpibr.org).

Lake Forest Ranch Camp: We're Going! Kids age 7-12 are eligible to join us at LFR July 18-22. Space is very limited so please let Kendra Bremer know (kendra@fpibr.org or 713.829.0828) if your child plans to attend. Registration and payment must be complete by May 23. Further details at fpibr.org/camp.

No Contemplative Prayer Hour Tomorrow. Our Contemplative Prayer Hour resumes Monday, April 12. Every other Monday at 10 am, we have a quiet hour featuring guided silent prayer based on Scripture, as well as a brief reflection on Sunday's sermon. All are welcome.

“A Beautiful and Daring Duel Over Death” is a new article by Gerrit at desiringgod.org. In this celebration of the resurrection, he contrasts two famous “skull scenes” from English literature: Hamlet in the graveyard and Herbert's graphic poem “Death.” The article goes live next week.

Sanctuary flowers: The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in memory of Norman Saurage III, Maude and Norman Saurage, Sr., Alma Lee and Norman Saurage, Jr., and Flora and Gustave Spaht by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Scripture for Next Week: Ephesians 5: 21-33

Services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

April 4, AD 2021 11 am



DEEPER IN CHRIST, FURTHER INTO THE WORLD
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HE IS RISEN

EASTER SUNDAY ORDER of WORSHIP
April 4, AD 2021 11 am

Assisting Pastors: Jim Solomon and Darin Travis

Borislava Itcheva, violin
Lin He, violin
Maria Alexander, viola
Steve Gustafson, organ and piano
Jose Ottonello, cello
Blake Hanna, trumpet
Chase Gillett, timpani/percussion



GATHERING to PRAISE

PRELUDE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” arranged by James Curnow

WELCOME

*CALL to WORSHIP

6th c. Easter Prayer

This is our happy morning!
With the ancient church, we speak Christ’s sorrow ended,
We hail his triumph now.

Refrain:

Welcome, happy morning!

Age to age shall say:

“Hell today is vanquished, Heaven is won today!”

Come then, True and Faithful, now fulfill thy Word
Tis thine own third morning; Rise O buried Lord! (*Refrain*)

Lo! the dead is living, God forevermore!
Him, their true Creator, all his works adore! (*Refrain*)

*HYMN of PRAISE

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” EASTER HYMN

*BLESSING GOD

*Standing

*GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children Kindergarten and younger may go to Children’s Church.

CHORAL OFFERTORY

“Lord of the Empty Tomb” by Susan Bentall Boersma

Music by Craig Courtney

Lord of the empty tomb, visit the tomb of my heart.
Roll from its entrance the stone of defeat with your victory.
Lord of the empty tomb, enter the tomb of my heart.
Bring to the darkness the Light of the World with your purity.

Raise me to know you, to stand in your presence,
To walk in your freedom, to dance to the beat of forgiveness,
To worship your holiness.

Lord of the empty tomb, transform the tomb of my heart.
Bring to the emptiness fullness of joy as you make it your home.



PROCLAIMING the WORD

*HYMN of PREPARATION

“Thine Is the Glory” MACCABEUS

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28: 6
“He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.”

John 14: 19b
“Because I live, you also will live.”

2 Corinthians 5: 15
And he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another
In all wisdom, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God (Colossians 3: 16).

SERMON

“Three Easter Truths You Can’t Live Without” Gerrit Dawson



RESPONDING to the WORD

PRAYER of FAITH

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Living One! You broke the power of sin and death, then claimed us as your own. We do not belong to ourselves! We were bought with a price, the price of your life. This morning we lay aside the illusion that we are our own. We accept your claim upon us. We receive your forgiveness of sins. We receive your new life in us. We desire to live for you and for your glory. Fill us with yourself as we partake of you through the bread and the cup.

*HYMN of RESPONSE

“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”



LORD’S SUPPER

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

THE EXCHANGE of LOVE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER